

System Transformation Initiative

2nd Community Forum

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) Mental Health Division (MHD) has formed the System Transformation Initiative Forum to make recommendations for improvements in the delivery of public mental health services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness and children with serious emotional disorders. This forum will provide input to DSHS on implementation of specific legislative and budget initiatives from the 2006 legislative session.

The Mental Health Division held a Community Forum November 15th, at which time the first three of the five initiatives below were discussed. The MHD would like to invite you to a second forum to continue to hear your thoughts and explore your ideas. The **second Forum** will focus on the last two initiatives below, as well as present a follow-up to the other three initiatives. Please join us to continue the dialogue:

- When:** January 16, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Where:** Worthington Conference Center, St. Martin's University
5300 Pacific Avenue S.E., Lacey, WA 98503
- Cost:** Free. Lunch and morning snacks provided
- Registration:** See attached registration form to register by mail or fax.
For more information, call Diane Pearson at (253) 756-2741
or 866-303-3037.
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The project will be addressing the following initiatives over the next year:

- 1 Statewide implementation of Program of Assertive Community Treatment teams
 - 2 Preparation of a plan for expanding housing options for individuals with mental illness
 - 3 A study of the Medicaid benefits package and Medicaid managed care rates
 - 4 **Development of a utilization review system to assure people receive appropriate levels and durations of state hospital and community psychiatric inpatient care**
 - 5 **A comprehensive review of the state's involuntary commitment statute and system**
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Because seating is limited to 150 guests, please register by Wednesday, January 10, 2007. A confirmation will be sent to you indicating that you are registered. Reimbursement for hotel and travel expenses will be available for a limited number of consumers of mental health services and family members.